

## ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

An offset coupler device for increasing the relative distance between a tow vehicle having a fifth wheel hitch and a trailer having a kingpin during use is provided. The offset coupler has an upper plate member with an opening therein for receiving the kingpin of the trailer. A clamp member is clamped on the kingpin of the trailer and includes a means for pressing the upper plate member into abutting engagement with a skid plate of the trailer. A lower plate member of the offset coupler has a kingpin depending downwardly from a lower surface thereof. The kingpin of the offset coupler is spaced apart laterally from the opening to provide an offset. Once the offset coupler is coupled with the trailer, the trailer is coupled with the tow vehicle by receiving the kingpin of the offset coupler in the fifth wheel hitch.